



Kiana Walker

September 20, 1996 - January 31, 2025

Kiana Shanese Walker, affectionately known as “Kiki,” was born in New Haven, CT on September 20th, 1996, to John Owens and Elaine Walker. With heavy hearts, we announce that Kiana entered into eternal rest on January 31st, 2025.

Kiana was a proud graduate of New Haven Public Schools, completing her education at Wilbur Cross High School. She continued her academic journey at Central Connecticut State University, where she earned her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology in 2018.

Kiana was a bright light in the lives of all who knew her. She was known for her infectious laugh and the joy she brought to any room she entered. Kiki’s passions included crafting, shopping, traveling, and cooking. She was especially devoted to her family and friends, and she worked with great love and compassion in supporting disadvantaged youth. Kiana also adored her fur baby, Liv, and enjoyed every moment spent caring for her.

After relocating to Atlanta, Georgia, Kiana became employed by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, where she continued to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Kiana leaves behind her loving parents, John Owens and Elaine Walker, three

sisters: Sherita Hodges of West Haven, CT, LaRhonda Walker-Allick (Darrell) and Juvonna Owens of New Haven, CT; four brothers: John Owens Jr. of Newburgh, NY, Sean Higgs of Poughkeepsie, NY, Jermaine Brown, and Johnathan Brown of Atlanta, GA. She also leaves a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins, including her special niece, Darriell Allick, and nephew, Darrell Allick Jr.

Kiana was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Perry Owens Sr. and Leatha Owens of Poughkeepsie, NY, and her maternal grandparents, James Walker Sr. and Carrie Walker of New Haven, CT. She was also preceded by four uncles: James Walker Jr., Jerome Walker, Perry Owens Jr., Eddie Owens, and an aunt, Bessie Whitfield.

Kiana's memory will forever be cherished by all who loved her. She will live on in our hearts and in the many lives she touched with her warmth, kindness, and laughter.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hour

FEB 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ
285 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT

Funeral Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ
285 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT

Tribute Wall

HJ

“ Hope Johnson lit a candle in memory of Kiana Walker



Hope Johnson - February 21, 2025 at 07:46 PM

JD

“ To Eleanor and the Family
Just heard about your loss my prayers 🙏 will
be lifted up on your families behalf as we
petition the Lord. Hold on to the beautiful
memories and Love ❤️ shared one with
another



Joyce Diggs - February 21, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Kiana Walker.



February 19, 2025 at 07:19 PM

IB

“ *Kiana, we will miss you very much. Your sweet spirit and talent shined brightly within our training team. We will keep you in our hearts always.*

Iko Blackmon, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, CAPS Program Administration.



Iko Blackmon - February 19, 2025 at 06:55 PM

SW

“ *Love you Kiki* ❤️🕊️

Shonta Walker - February 19, 2025 at 05:59 PM

KT

“ *Rest in peace Kiana. I'm honored to have had the privilege to experience your kindness and friendship. You are greatly missed* 💜



Kaila Thompson - February 19, 2025 at 12:41 PM

KT

Love this picture as it speaks for itself. We had so much fun with you Kiana. We'll never forget the good times we had with you. Rest in peace 🙏

Kapree Tripp - February 24, 2025 at 09:18 AM

MF

“ *My sincerest condolences to the entire family.* ”



Michelle Fleming - February 19, 2025 at 11:04 AM

TS

“ *Thank you for showing me what true friendship means! Ima miss you so much!* ”



Takesha Smith - February 19, 2025 at 05:45 AM

AW

“ *Words cannot express the void I am feeling without you. The early morning texts, the early morning phone calls, your infectious laughter, the long talks we had about God, life and everything in between. When you moved to Atlanta, you brought a sense of home that was unmatched. I was elated and probably more excited than you were to be close to family. We laughed so much about all of the things. Now I have to say goodbye, until we meet again. I don't know how. I will look to God to hold me and keep me through this. I know the Lord said "well done" upon receiving you and now you can rest. I love you to life literally and will forever. Sleep well Keeks until I see you again. 💜🙏🙏* ”



Ayana Walker - February 18, 2025 at 09:42 PM

ET

“ *My heartfelt condolences for the Walker family's loss.*



Ernie Troutman - February 18, 2025 at 05:45 PM

JA

“ *Kiana was a beautiful soul and wonderful to work with. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone who loved her. -JaKena, coworker @ GA Dept of Early Care and Learning CAPS Training team.*



JaKena - February 18, 2025 at 05:15 PM

DT

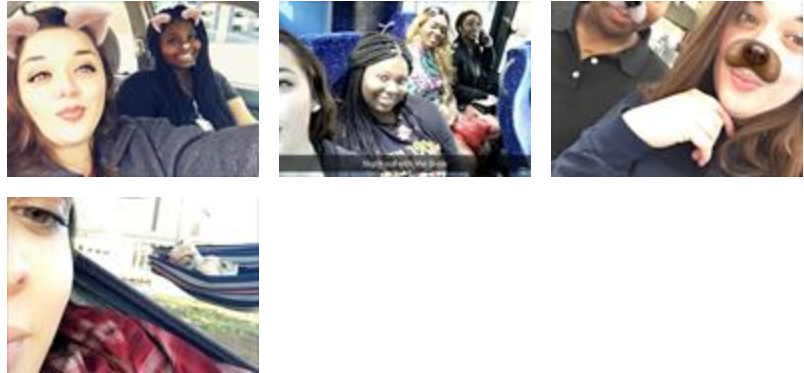
“ *DECAL- Provider Support Team purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kiana Walker.*



DECAL- Provider Support Team - February 18, 2025 at 04:58 PM

NR

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Nicole Roberts - February 18, 2025 at 03:18 PM

NR

“ Nicole Roberts lit a candle in memory of Kiana Walker



Nicole Roberts - February 18, 2025 at 03:15 PM

TT

“ Tiffany Tylerbest lit a candle in memory of Kiana Walker



Tiffany Tylerbest - February 18, 2025 at 02:22 PM

OK

“ Olivia Kyle lit a candle in memory of Kiana Walker



Olivia Kyle - February 18, 2025 at 11:46 AM

SH

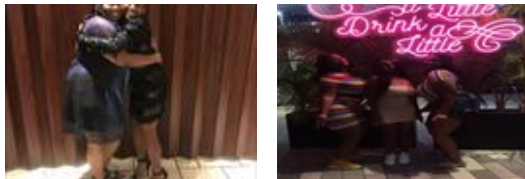
“ Miss you Kiki ,the smiles the laughter ,,now the tears 😞 Sleep in Peace “Keeks” Never will be gone ,Never will be forgotten 🙏🏻🙏🏻



Stu Hart - February 18, 2025 at 09:52 AM

KS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



k'wya stafford - February 18, 2025 at 08:33 AM

CT

“ Kiki as your shell lay in front of us and a symbol of your life is shared i I will hold every memory of you close to my heart. As you passed through this place called life and touched so many people including myself, with that beautiful smile and soft heart. Liv misses you so much. I can tell you loved her with your entire heart and for the past week we been loving her just like you did. Until we meet again. I love you my Angel 🙏🏻💜🙏🏻😊🙏🏻🙏🏻🐾

Charise Trotman - February 18, 2025 at 06:41 AM

CN

“ *Cousin Lorraine and Family Syracuse NY purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kiana Walker.*



Cousin Lorraine and Family Syracuse NY - February 17, 2025
at 10:59 PM

ML

“ *Monique Lucky lit a candle in memory of Kiana Walker*



Monique Lucky - February 17, 2025 at 09:53 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Cash lit a candle in memory of Kiana Walker*



Brenda Cash - February 17, 2025 at 01:44 PM

SA

“ Kiana, we greatly miss you here at DECAL. Working with you in SAS and then transitioning over with you to Quality Assurance and Training where we bonded and leaned on each other for so much, made work worthwhile. Your kindness and professionalism will truly be missed. You were such a bright light. I looked forward to your texts and messages asking me to save you a seat at every in person meeting. 😊 Fly high. - Shontavius



Shontavius Ahmad - February 17, 2025 at 01:34 PM

BC

“ Brenda R Cash lit a candle in memory of Kiana Walker



Brenda R Cash - February 17, 2025 at 01:14 PM

QT

“ Quality Assurance & Training Team lit a candle in memory of Kiana Walker



Quality Assurance & Training Team - February 17, 2025 at 12:28 PM

CG

“ CAPS NW TEAM ATLANTA GA lit a candle in memory of Kiana Walker



CAPS NW TEAM ATLANTA GA - February 17, 2025 at 12:08 PM

ES

“ EDWARD SIMMONS lit a candle in memory of Kiana Walker



EDWARD SIMMONS - February 17, 2025 at 12:07 PM